

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF LICENSING FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
8:30 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Dorsey, LCSW, LCDCS  
Richard Froncillo, BS, LCDCS  
Ian Knowles, Chairperson, Consumer Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Marshall, LCDCP

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions\*  
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

\*Sarah Harrigan left at 8:57 AM to attend another meeting.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Licensing for Chemical Dependency Professionals was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:43 AM on a motion by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 30, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles to accept the Open Session minutes of June 30, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. New Business

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services legislation R 139, enacted 3/19/15
  - i. Sarah Harrigan explained that the legislation provides an educational opportunity for prescribers regarding the abuse of opioids.
  - ii. Richard Froncillo stated that with approximately 400 licensed Chemical Dependency Professionals in RI, there is no shortage.
  - iii. Ian Knowles acknowledged that Licensed Chemical Dependency Professionals are qualified to deal with substance abuse disorders and this legislation looks to expand licensing qualifications of other health professions. He wants to assure that standards for licensure do not get diluted with this legislation. Richard Froncillo will reach out to the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association for their input.

4. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by David Dorsey to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:00 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they

may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

5. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles at 9:50 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

6. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and unanimously approved 9 applications.

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Licensing for Chemical Dependency Professionals meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:30 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles to adjourn at 9:51 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell

Board Manager

Center for Professional Boards and Commissions